

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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JULY 2016

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Monday, August 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Workshop Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, August 29, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting

RECYCLING:

Wednesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 17

Wednesday, August 31

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Current Grant-Funded Projects

When City Council and other community stakeholders discuss public financing for new municipal projects, you often hear the phrase "Oh, we'll get a grant." Seems like a simple thing to do; just ask the federal, state or county government for it, right? Many people who are unfamiliar with the grants process do not understand that there is no magical "grant tree" of "free" money planted out back, ripe to pick the perfect grant proposal to fund any specific project or idea.

While it's true that there are billions of dollars in government grants awarded each year for programs and projects that benefit the public, there are also thousands upon thousands of applicants competing for these grants. Every Request for Proposals or Notice of Funding Availability comes with its own stringent set of eligibility, cost sharing, regula-

tory, use, timeline and other restrictions, overhead calculations, electronic submission systems, reporting structures, complex budget and bureaucratic requirements and legal accountabilities. An available cash match of applicant dollars ranging from 20% - 50% of the total project cost is also required (i.e. grant money is not really "free"). When and if grant dollars are awarded, they may not become available for 1-5 years.

The City of Miami Springs has invested a great deal of time and effort into the development, writing and submission of high-quality and well-researched grant proposals to match available and open funding programs with City needs. As a result, we've had significant success (for such a small and high median-income community) in securing several recent awards of various sizes.

To bring all City sidewalks into ADA compliance this summer and fall, we've been approved for \$885,900 towards the retrofit or installation of ramps for disability access. The Westward Bike Path project, scheduled to start this fall, will receive \$681,680. Currently underway, the parking lot and pathway installation at our City-owned Curtiss Mansion has been allocated \$145,000 in grant funding. The Aquatic Center was awarded \$50,000 for interactive water play structures in the pool. Tree trimming and exotic vegetation removal on the Golf Course will benefit by \$9,000. Smaller grants include \$650 towards locks for the Curtiss Mansion kitchen and \$738.50 for special reception area and doorbell alarms for the Mansion. No matter how large or how small, these all have a positive impact on our bottom line!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

305.805.5170

Summer time has come and the bushes and trees bordering and overhanging the alleys are growing "fast and furious". This is causing a problem for our trucks and crews! The heavy, dense foliage is damaging the equipment and creating a visibility problem for Public Works employees loading the trucks. Please help us out by trimming back to your property line all overgrown vegetation that is obstructing services.



Art in City Hall



Flamingo 1, photograph by Mark Taylor

Mark Taylor will be the featured artist for the "Art in City Hall Exhibit" during the month of August, 2016. A familiar figure in Miami Springs, among other commissions Mark has been taking high resolution photographs for the new City web site. He was born in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains and attended the University of Virginia. Upon moving to Miami, he met accomplished artist Carlos Augusto Pereira who created the murals in our Community Center, and has been associated with Carlos and HeArt Studio photographing fine art for portfolio and reproductions, as well as public and private art exhibitions. Mark has a natural talent for capturing and extracting the specific detail and perspective that makes a subject meaningful, unique, and memorable.

While traveling in various parts of the world, Mark's eye has expertly and artistically captured images that are not only engaging to see, but that convey an emotional story. As stated by the artist, "I feel that the real emotion one feels when they experience a scene or a location can be captured not by selecting the broadest angle of view, but by selecting the most significant of the details seen by the eye. By selecting the truly significant and unique element of a scene, I often recreate the experience of being there". With light, angle, color, or shape, Mark's photos are unexpected, refreshing, and easy to feel.

You are invited to a reception in the City Hall lobby to meet Mark Taylor and enjoy his exhibit on Monday evening, August 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the reception, be sure to come see his art work Monday through Friday during the month of August between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160 • SENIOR CENTER, • 343 PAYNE DRIVE

THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER, located on Prince Field at 343 Payne Drive, offers a variety of activities and services to older residents age 60 and over. The city's senior center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m. and provides older citizens with numerous opportunities to: improve their health by participating in the nutritionally balanced, daily lunch program, free nutritional counseling, and in health support screenings and activities; improve their knowledge through health, nutrition, and consumer education workshops and classes scheduled each month; obtain information and referral assistance to services available throughout the county; stay active by socializing with their peers, volunteering to help others and participating in recreational activities; and improve their use of leisure time.

Older citizens may also be eligible to utilize the center's transportation service or the home delivered meal program for those who cannot leave their homes without assistance.

In addition to these core service offerings, the following programs, screenings and educational presentations have been scheduled for August:

"WALK WISE" -- On August 3rd, the Florida Department of Transportation will provide safety information for pedestrians during an interactive program scheduled for 12:15 p.m. at the senior center. Pedestrian safety is an issue that affects each of us, whether we're walking through a parking lot after shopping or attending the center, walking across the street to visit your neighbor, or simply walking for exercise or to enjoy a beautiful Florida day. Learn tips for safe pedestrian, bicyclist and driver behavior.

"GROCERY GUIDES...HELPING OLDER ADULTS SHOP HEALTHIER ON A BUDGET" -- the AARP Foundation, in partnership with Hunger Free America and Flipany, will conduct two informative small-group grocery store tours to help participants make healthy food decisions and stretch their food dollars. The one-hour tour of Publix will teach seniors how to: buy nutritious food within their budget by comparing unit prices, read and compare food labels and identify whole grains. Both tours are scheduled from 1:30--2:30 p.m., with the tour for English speakers planned for August 16th and the tour for Spanish speakers set August 23rd. Participation is limited and participants will receive a \$10 gift card.

NUTRITION EDUCATION -- Jacquelyn Gibson, Extension Agent IV, MS from the University of Florida's IFAS Extension Bureau will present a nutrition education topic at 12:15 p.m. on August 17th.

"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM -- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will present the monthly Crime Watch Program at the senior center on August 30th at 12:15 p.m. The Officers will inform attendees about current crimes being committed in the City and will provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.



The 2016 Senior Center royalty, Queen Maria Rios and King Charles Blew, represented our seniors in the 4th of July Parade. They act as goodwill ambassadors for the Center and its programs throughout this year.

"ALZHEIMER'S TALK" -- Chen Medical Center will sponsor a program on Alzheimer's disease on August 31st at 12:15 p.m.

Special health support and recreational activities are scheduled in June to include the following classes:

• **TAI CHI for SENIORS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed for individuals age 60 and over, are taught by Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:30--1:30 p.m. to seniors who register with the City's senior center. Classes are currently held at the MS Optimist Club and focus on improving joint flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and general fitness and health.

• **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**, instructed by Elizabeth King and free for registered seniors, are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30--11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• **CHAIR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00--10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Registration with the City's Elderly Services Department is required.

• **"LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES**, free to area seniors, are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30--11:00 a.m. at the senior center facility. Registration is required.

• **FLOOR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to Springs' seniors, age 60 and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00--11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. Students must pre-register.

• **"CELEBRATION WORKOUT"** classes, designed to work on memory and physical fitness, are held every Friday morning from 9:00--11:00 a.m. at the City's Senior Center and is free to those age 60 and over who register with the City's Elderly Services Department.

Upcoming events also include: a field trip to Wal-Mart (8/12); weekly Bingo games (8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 and 8/29); the monthly meeting of the MS/VG Senior Citizens Club (8/10); and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (8/18).

For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305) 805-5160.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Pedestrian and Bicyclist on Florida Roadways

No matter what mode of transportation you use we are all pedestrians and bicyclist at one time or another. It is not just motor vehicles that are required to follow the rules of the road but pedestrians and bicyclist also have legal responsibilities?

Did you know pedestrians shall not walk along or upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic where sidewalks are provided. If no sidewalks are provided, a pedestrian when practicable shall walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel. When a driver and pedestrian face each other they are more aware of one another and the potential for a crash is reduced when walking against traffic. However, the same is not true for bicyclist. Every person propelling a vehicle by human power has all the rights and all the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle... except as to the special regulations for bicycles, as stated under Florida State Statute 316.2065(1). When a bicyclist follows the same traffic rules as a vehicle it makes them more visible and predictable. A bicyclist who rides facing oncoming traffic increases their risk of being hit by a motorist two to four times. A bicyclist may also ride on a sidewalk or crosswalk but has the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. The bicyclist

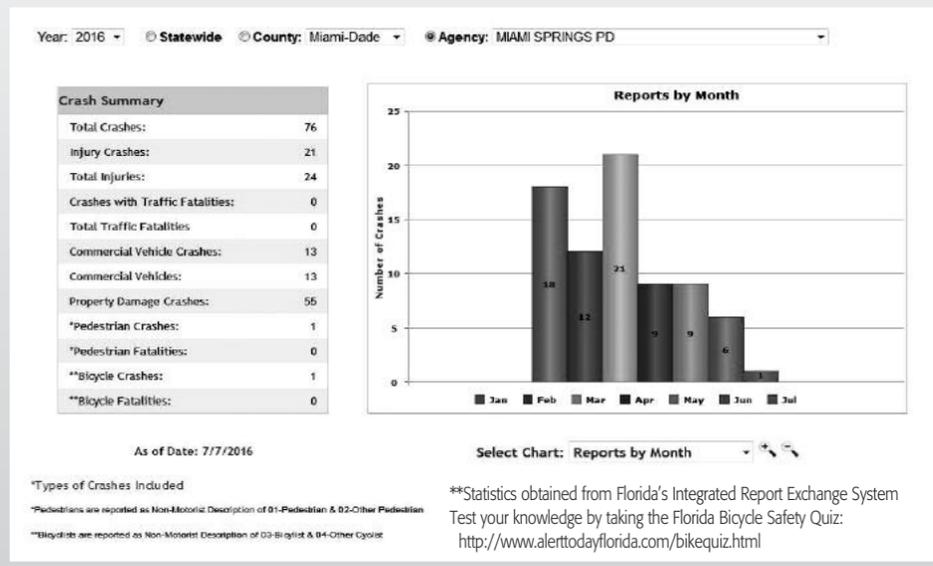


must yield to pedestrians on the sidewalk. Please note, local authorities may prohibit riding on sidewalks or roads under their jurisdictions.

Remember, when everyone obeys the laws we can all get to and from our destinations safely.

This article only touched on a few of the many state statutes that apply to pedestrians and bicyclist. Please visit www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES and refer to 316.2065 for bicycle regulations and 316.130 for Pedestrians; traffic regulations for more information.

Would you like to learn tips about pedestrian/bicyclist/ and driver behavior in a fun interactive environment? The Miami Springs Police Department is hosting Walk Wise Florida on August 05, 2016 in the Miami Springs Council Chambers at 6:30 PM. Walk Wise Florida is a grassroots initiative that provides innovative pedestrian safety education.



PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE
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FACILITY RENTAL:

The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rentals. The 10x10 Pavilions at Prince Field are available for rentals. The 20x20 Pavilion at Stafford Park is available for rental

Contact the Main Office at the Community Center for availability & pricing. 305.805.5075

Open Gym Basketball Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Evenings:
6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.: 17 & Under Free, 18 & Over \$4

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

Open Gym Volleyball:

Friday Evening: 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care registration will begin on Monday, August 8th. The registration fee is \$35.00; the cost is \$8.00 per day or \$35 per week. This includes bus transportation from Miami Springs Elementary, Springview Elementary, AIE Charter School & Miami Springs Middle. After school care is available until 6:00 p.m. Limited space is available.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Registration for our School Holiday Program will begin on Monday, August 8th. The registration fee is \$35.00, unless registered for ASC; cost is \$20.00 per day. SHP is available for: Teachers Work Days, Christmas Holiday & Spring Break from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Limited space is available.

FITNESS:

Fitness Room & Jogging Track Hours:
Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.,
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fitness Room Memberships:

Adults: 18 & over \$150.00
Senior: 60 & over \$75.00
Youth: 13 – 17, \$150.00 (must be accompanied by a PARENT)
Family of 2: \$188.00
Family of 3: \$263.00
Additional family members \$75.00*
*Immediate Family Members ONLY

Seniors 60 & Over

Use of the Fitness Room is FREE, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Participants must fill out the registration form at the Main Office of the Community Center

JAZZERCISE:

Burn up to 600 calories in one fun and powerfully effective 60-minute total body workout. Every Jazzercise group fitness class combines dance-based cardio with strength training and stretching to sculpt tone and lengthen muscles for maximum fat burn.

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.

Jr. Jazzercise: is a fitness class for girls ages 5-11. The format combines dance and aerobics with group games & special activities to make the class fun and challenging.

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

AQUATICS:

Summer Pool Hours Weather Permitting

Monday-Friday: Lap Swim/ Swim Lessons: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Open Swim: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lap Swim/ Swim Lessons: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: Open Swim: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: Open Swim: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., weather permitting

Effective Monday, August 22nd:

Pool Hours

Monday-Friday: Lap Swim: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Open Swim: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Open Swim: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Open Swim: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., weather permitting

Swimming Lessons:

With certified American Red Cross Instructors, and an outstanding facility, the Miami Springs Aquatic Center welcomes all children, ages six months and up, to join our American Red Cross Swim program. Sessions run every two weeks and swim classes are offered year round. The cost is \$50 per two week session for residents & \$60 for non-residents

For class times please call the Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078

Water Aerobics:

For more information please call the Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078

Cost: \$40.00 for 8 classes, per participant

Pool Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

Residents:
Adults: 18 & over \$90.00
Child: 17 & under \$50.00
Senior: 60 & over \$50.00
Family of 4: \$250.00
Seniors 60 & Over:
Use of the Aquatic Center is FREE, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Non-Residents:
Adults: 18 & over \$150.00
Child: 17 & under \$100.00
Senior: 60 & over \$100.00
Family of 4: \$350.00

Rentals:

The Miami Springs Aquatic Facility offers public and private rentals for residents and non-residents.

If you are hoping to get out of the sun while at the pool you may be interested in a 12x12 umbrella rental or 16x16 shaded areas.

There is a Multi-Purpose room available for rent that we hope will meet all your party needs.

For detailed rental information and pricing please call the Miami Springs Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078 or visit <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facility-rental-information>

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Robert Barrios	Erik Estok	Shiketa Duberry
Loaine Mendoza	Anthony Thompson	Allene Paz
Linda Hurtado	David Bente	

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had his anniversary date in July

Loretta M. Boucher	completed 22 years of service.
Jeffrey A. Collins & Florentino F. Vasallo	completed 17 years of service.
Theresa A. Michael	completed 13 years of service.

Thank you for your loyal service to the City of Miami Springs.

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

HEDGES AND LANDSCAPING ON RIGHT OF WAYS

When we travel by airplane, we usually fly over Miami Springs and see a green triangle. We all have to agree that it's the trees, landscaping and hedges that make our City pleasant and inviting. Most of the homes and businesses have neat manicured hedges and well kept landscaping which makes our City beautiful and safe.

However, some residents fail to maintain their adjacent right of way area: the swales, alley ways and sidewalks. The overgrowth of grass in the alley ways, lack of trimming hedges and planting on right of ways is a nuisance. It creates a haven for snakes, rats and mosquitoes and a safety hazard for pedestrians. Vegetation obstruction of alleyways damages vehicles, and it also looks

unattractive and unkempt.

The Code Compliance Department will be inspecting sidewalks and alley ways for obstructions; we will notify the property owners with a Courtesy Notice to maintain the areas adjacent to their properties.

Ficus hedges that are existing should be kept no higher than eight feet, no new or replacement of ficus hedges or trees is permitted; planting of bushes, trees or other plantings in the swale area is only permitted with the approval of Public Works Department, and applications for planting or removal of trees or other vegetation is available online or at the Building Department.

The codes for hedges and landscaping is as follows: they should be kept manicured, trimmed away from the sidewalk, adjacent neighbors, alleyways, and maintained so as not to obstruct the view of vehicular traffic.



Swimming lessons have begun in the new Aquatic Center.

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 RECYCLE DAY	4	5	6
7	8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	16	17 RECYCLE DAY	18	19	20
21	22 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	30	31 RECYCLE DAY			